

Group Memory
CAC Meeting – FEBRUARY 5, 2003
Hopland Bypass.

Website address:

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Next Meeting dates

Tuesday, March 18 at Field Station. 6:00 - 8:00

Desired outcome for next meeting:

Route history and maps: Walk through the routes chosen. Pro's and Cons per alternative.

Identify things we want to avoid.

Refine the list; prioritize the CAC VA list.

Decide how we want to be represented.

Bin List & Great Ideas

1. What about things we should avoid? Not just what we want, but what we specifically don't want? (Dick S, Feb 5, 2003)
2. On-going status of the project. Finances. (Todd; Feb 5, 2003)
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Group Decisions

All decisions made will be double underlined in the body of the notes below.

1. (Date)

Document Register

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Upshot

These are the assignments made at the meeting. As new ones are added they will be appended to the list. As assignments are completed they will be lined out with a ~~strike-through~~, but left on the list. This will provide a running record of assignments made at these meetings.

Ref. #	Who	What	When
1	Alan	Get an alignment history for the group. Provide a copy of this to the VA Team Facilitator as well.	02/24/03
2	Alan	Get the notes out to the group.	02/07/03
3	Group	Take the list back to the community; get input for the next meeting.	03/18/03
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Critique from this meeting:

What went well	What Needs Improvement
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Good meeting2. Got to meet everyone.3. List of ideas/concerns.4. Variety of input5. Loud Facilitator.6. Participation from the group.7. Printing on the spot.8.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Donuts, coffee. Dinner.2. Table is not big enough.

1. Opening comments:
 1. This meeting has three purposes:
 1. Form this advisory council;
 2. Review the review of the Community Advisory Committee
 3. VA Study discussion – come up with things we want the VA team to take on.
2. Ground Rules
 1. Start and end on time.
 2. One conversation at a time.
 3. Cell phones set to stun.
 4. Be courteous.
 5. No smoking.
3. Decision making process:
 1. Consensus if possible.
 2. This is not a technical decision making group.
4. Commitment by the Project Manager – Alan Escarda
 1. (see handout # 1)
 2. Alan commits to making the meetings as short as possible without sacrificing quality.
 3. Send out agendas at least three weeks before each meeting.
 4. Notes will go out within two days after the meeting.
 5. Meetings will be quarterly.
 6. CT staff will attend as needed to be resources to the group.
 7. Alan will complete his assignments.
 8. He will be your link to the Project Development Team.

5. CAC Charter discussion.
 5. 1. Alan referred the group to the written charter. (see handout # 2)
 5. 2. CT wants to hear your community perspective; provide merits or negatives of alternatives from your community perspective.
 5. 3. This group should communicate with the rest of the community about the work.
 5. 4. *It is important to note that, for a variety of compelling reasons, Caltrans cannot always implement input provided by the CAC. When this occurs, the Department will provide a clear reason.*
 5. 5. Group discussion: The group wants to get an alignment history. (see upshot assignment # 1)
6. VA Background:
 6. 1. CT presented George Hunter who discussed VA study approach.
 6. 2. The VA process has several steps and takes a team approach.
 6. 3. The team has technical expertise and uses technical reviews to review and critique alternatives for viability.
 6. 4. VA focuses on project functions and defines them in terms of cost and performance.
 6. 5. Project value comes from quality, reliability, aesthetics, etc.
7. VA Discussion
 7. 1. How does the VA study tie into the environmental process? This will be done later. Draft environmental document will be done in about two and a half years. No alternatives are ruled out until there are enough environmental study information to merit dropping it. The VA study is done early in the process. This results in a lot of alternatives that will fit into the CEQA process...
 7. 2. VA study serves as a consultant to the PDT.
 7. 3. VA study is done for any Federal Aid project that is over 25 million dollars. It is required by the FHWA.
 7. 4.
8. How do we contribute:
 8. 1. Have a member of this group represent us on the VA team – this is an eighty or ninety hour commitment; or
 8. 2. Have the CAC participate at the study kick off meeting, and contribute your concerns at the start of the process and at other key times during the process.
 8. 3. Develop a list of major issues.
9. What issues are important to your community, and what resources do you want to protect?
 9. 1. We want to make the town a quiet destination point.
 9. 2. We want the small town look. A small country road through town.
 9. 3. Preserve personal residences – avoid going through residential area- minimize impact to residential area.

9. 4. Protect Native American grave sites.
9. 5. Protect our ancestral values –
9. 6. Use a direction that makes it the easiest and smoothest to access downtown –
9. 7. Well designed entrance to the town.
9. 8. Go along existing transportation corridor – railroad. Protect the outlying area; the environment.
9. 9. Preserve the valley look in general.
9. 10. Protect the aesthetics of the valley.
9. 11. Protect oak woodlands and wetlands.
9. 12. Preserve our peacefulness.. – quiet – avoid noise pollution.
9. 13. Protect the Russian River watershed.
9. 14. Identify and minimize the environmental impact for every option considered.
9. 15. Improve pedestrian safety downtown.
9. 16. Ensure there is adequate emergency access. Evacuation routes, etc.
9. 17. We think the total cost is important – life cycle cost to build, maintain, operate.
9. 18. Protect the small family farm.
9. 19. Consider access to the town when there is flooding on the edge of town – along 175. Flood Plane.
9. 20. We value aesthetics of the structures. Avoid UGLY.
9. 21. Avoid historical sites.
9. 22. Avoid ugly fences, signals, appurtenances, etc.
9. 23. Provide landscaping that will stay clean and is attractive. Real attractive – like you would want in your own home.
10. Next steps:
 10. 1. Distribute the list to everyone.
 10. 2. Refine the list at the next meeting.
11. Identify how the CAC will be represented at the VA kick-off
 11. 1.